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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

FOREST & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION

The 8th May 2012

SUBJECT—Establishment of Similipal Tiger Protection Force (STPF) Company in the Similipal Tiger Reserve, Baripada.

Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests have designated Similipal Forest in Odisha as a Biosphere Reserve. The National Tiger Conservation Authority, Government of India considering the endangered status of tigers and the need for urgently stepping up protection in sensitive areas has formulated a set of guidelines for deploying a Company of Special Tiger Protection Force (STPF) at Similipal Tiger Reserve, Baripada.

After careful consideration, Government of Odisha have been pleased to create a Company of Force for Similipal Tiger Protection Force (STPF) in the Establishment of Similipal Tiger Reserve, Baripada for protection of Tigers in the Wildlife Organization consisting of 112 Nos. of posts as mentioned below with immediate effect :

| Sl. No. | Name of the Post | Number of posts created | Scale of pay |
|---------|--|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | Tiger Force Assistant Conservator of Forests | 1 | Rs. 15,600-39,100+ G.P.-Rs. 5,400 |
| 2 | Tiger Force Range Officer | 3 | Rs. 9,300-34,800+ G.P.-4,600 |
| 3 | Tiger Force Forester | 18 | Rs. 5,200-20,200+ G.P.-2,000 |
| 4 | Special Tiger Forest Guard | 63+27=90 | Rs. 4,440-7,440+ G.P.-1,650 |
| | Total | .. | <u>112</u> |

Terms & Conditions :

The following terms and conditions are laid down based on the guidelines of National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), Government of India :—

1. Central Assistance (100%) would be provided to States under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger for raising, arming and deploying the STPF. The annual requirement of funds to be borne by NTCA, Government of India.
2. Cadre of Tiger Force Assistant Conservator of Forests, Range Officer, Foresters and Forest Guards to be augmented in the establishment of Field Director, Similipal Tiger Reserve for constitution of STPF.
3. Tiger Force ACF and Tiger Force Range Officer will be deployed on deputation basis of the existing State Cadre Officer.
4. Fresh recruitment would be taken up to fill up the 18 posts of Tiger Force Forester and 90 posts of Special Tiger Forest Guards including 30% Special Tiger Forest Guards.
5. 30% of 90 Special Tiger Forest Guards would be engaged by outsourcing through authorized Service Provider agency which would comprise of local Forest dwelling people like Van Gujjors, Gonds etc. Such out sourced staff would be entitled to the same salary and other emoluments through the service provider, as regular Forest Guards of STPF. To provide scope for the same, the educational qualification prescribed for Forest Guard should be suitably relaxed.
6. The Odisha Subordinate Forest Service (Method of Recruitment and Conditions of Service of Forest Guard) Rules, 1998 will be suitably amended to ensure that STPF personnel will serve in STPF of Similipal only up to the age of 40 years. After that they will be absorbed in the vacancies arising in Baripada, Karanjia or Rairangpur Divisions of Mayurbhanj District. Each year fresh recruitment will take place for STPF to fill up the vacancies arising due to attainment of age of 40 years by STPF personnel and subsequent withdrawal of them.
7. The STPF personnel will get the pay and salary as applicable to State Government field staff serving in Similipal along with incentive with other equal ranked field staff are getting.
8. After attaining the age of 40 years, on absorption in the Division, their seniority will be maintained with reference to year of recruitment.
9. Headquarter of STPF will be at Gudgudia. Family quarters will be provided at Joshipur for all the Staff willing to keep their family.
10. Three barrack to be constructed at Jenabil, Nawana and Gudgudia.
11. The Field Division, STPF, Baripada would be required to provide monthly reports on the deployment initiatives done by the STPF to the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA).
12. The STPF Companies would require special training from the State Police Department as well as the Central Para Military Forces, based on a special syllabus for skill development, combating poaching and enabling intelligence based enforcement in a Forest Terrain.

13. The training of the STPF would be on the pattern of syllabus of basic training which would be prescribed by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, on the basis of the ongoing syllabus prescribed by the Ministry of Home Affairs for the India Reserve Battalion.
14. Arrangements will be made for regular physical Training of STPF in collaboration with the available resources.
15. Specialized training would be provided in enforcement procedures by noted agencies including international visits if the need arises.

This has been concurred in by the Finance Department vided their UOR No. 262-ES-I, dated the 1st December 2011.

ORDER—Ordered that the Resolution be published in an extraordinary issue of the *Odisha Gazette*.

By order of the Governor

R. K. SHARMA

Principal Secretary to Government